

## South Lansing Pathway information

The City of Lansing is starting construction three sections (east, center and west) of a non-motorized pathway along the Consumers Energy utility corridor in South Lansing in May, 2014. This pathway has been discussed conceptually for decades, but recently became a reality, based on federal funding secured with the assistance of the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, planning assistance from Consumers Energy and the Lansing Board of Water of Light and approval by the Michigan Electric Transmission Company and the Jackson and Lansing Railroad Company.

This pathway is an important part of the City's overall non-motorized and will connect with the Lansing River Trail, Delhi Township's Sycamore Trail (now under construction) which will terminate at the intersection of Aurelius and Jolly Roads, and the paved shoulders and pathway along Waverly Road. In contrast to the existing River Trail, which is primarily recreational in focus, this pathway would be utilitarian in focus, providing a non-motorized transportation corridor for east-west travel along the south side of Lansing for school, work and other activities, while still accommodating recreational uses.

The east section will stretch from Pennsylvania Avenue to the railroad tracks, turn north along the railroad tracks to Jolly Road, then east to Aurelius Road, where both the River Trail and proposed Delhi pathway terminate. It would then run north through Biggie Munn Park to Cavanaugh Road. The estimated cost for this 2.2 mile section is approximately \$680,000, with over 80% of the funding coming from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding and the remaining funding coming from Act 51 (gas and weight taxes).

The west section will begin at Waverly Road and end at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This segment will run near Wexford Elementary, just north of Harry Hill and the Southside Community Center and through Benjamin Davis Park, crossing Wise Road and Pleasant Grove Road. The estimated cost for this 1.8 mile section, which would include a signalized crossing at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., is approximately \$480,000, with over 80% of the funding coming from the federal Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) program and the remaining funding coming from Act 51 (gas and weight taxes). Construction on this section of the pathway will begin in mid-2014.

The center section will run between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Pennsylvania Avenue. This segment will run near Attwood Elementary and the Ingham County Human Services building and along the south side of Gardner Middle School. The estimated cost for this 1.8 mile section, which would include a signalized crossing at Cedar Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, is approximately \$630,000, with over 80% of the funding coming from the federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and the remaining funding coming from Act 51 (gas and weight taxes). Construction on this section of the pathway will begin in mid-2014.

Completion of the first sections of this pathway, anticipated in the fall of 2014, will extend the city of Lansing's 15 mile pathway network (13.5 miles of Lansing River Trail and 1.5 miles along Waverly Road) by over 5.8 miles, or almost 40%. Planned future extensions would continue the pathway north along US-127 to Spartan Village on the MSU campus and west into Eaton County, connecting to Fine and Fulton Parks and crossing the Grand River to link with Olds Anderson Park and Woldumar Nature Center. These planned extensions would add approximately 5.5 additional miles for a total pathway network of over 26 miles.

## Proposed South Lansing Pathway

West Section (Waverly to MLK Jr. Blvd.)

Length: 1.8 miles

Estimated Cost: \$480k (81.85% federal, 18.15% Act 51)

Construction Year: 2014





## Proposed South Lansing Pathway

Center Section (MLK Jr. Blvd. to Penn Ave)

Length: 1.8 miles

Estimated Cost: \$630k (81.85% federal, 18.15% Act 51)

Construction Year: 2014





## Proposed South Lansing Pathway

East Section (Pennsylvania to Cavanaugh)

Length: 2.2 miles

Estimated Cost: \$680k (81.85% federal, 18.15% Act 51)

Construction Year: 2014

Hawk  
Island Park

RRFB Xing

Existing  
River Trail

RRFB Xing

Maguire  
Park

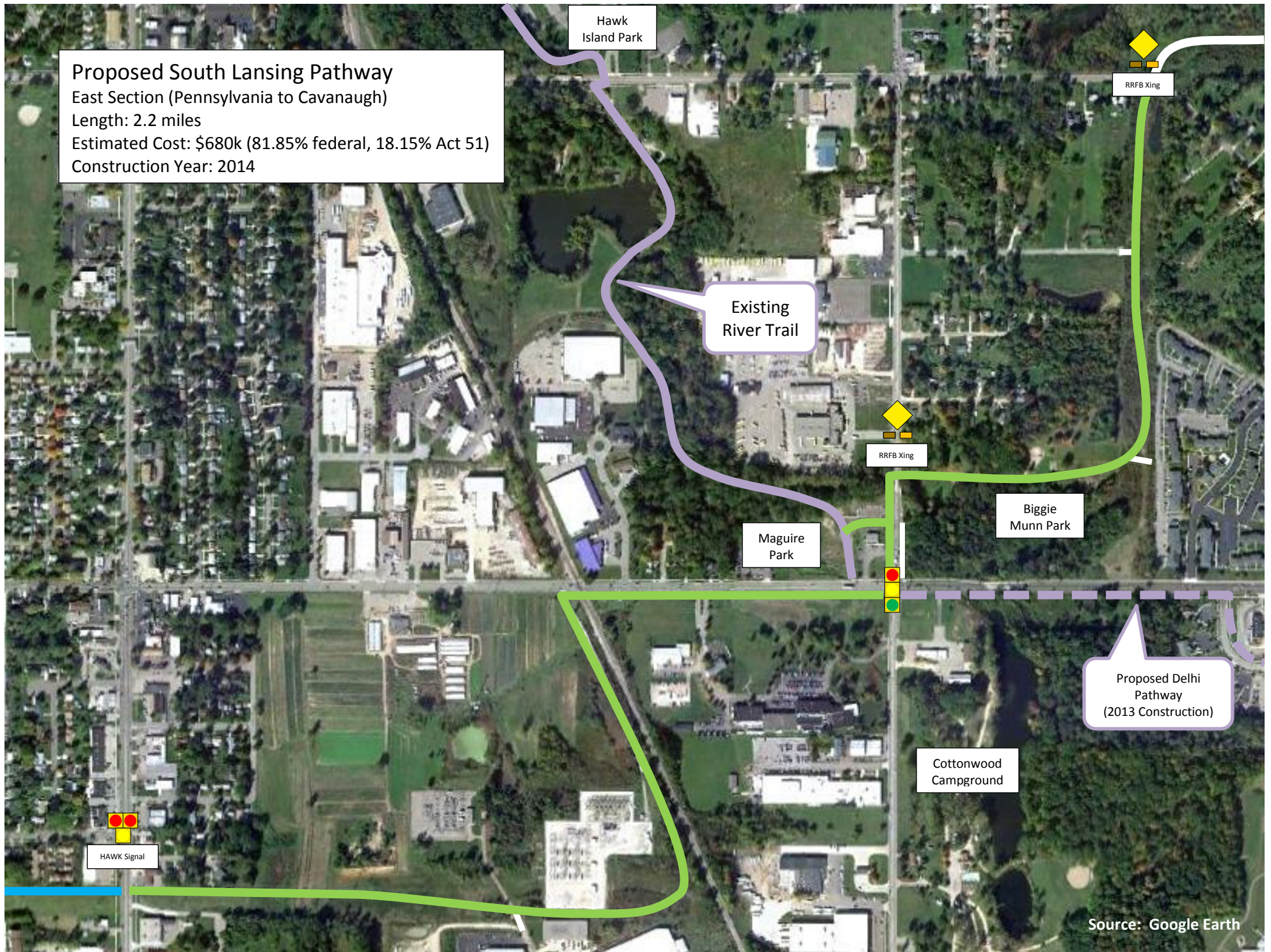
Biggie  
Munn Park

Proposed Delhi  
Pathway  
(2013 Construction)

Cottonwood  
Campground

HAWK Signal

Source: Google Earth





## Proposed South Lansing Pathway

West Extension (Waverly to Old Lansing)

Length: 3.2 to 3.5 miles

Estimated Cost: Unknown

Construction Year: Unknown

Olds  
Anderson  
Park

Woldumar  
Nature  
Center

Fulton Park

Fine  
Park

Potential Connections  
Route Analysis/Design  
Not Started

Source: Google Earth

2848 ft



**Proposed South Lansing Pathway**  
North Section (Cavanaugh to Spartan Village)  
Length: 2.25 miles  
Estimated Cost: \$870,000  
Construction Year: 2015 to 2020

Fenner  
Nature Ctr

Evergreen  
Cemetery

Spartan  
Village

Forest  
Akers

Conceptual Alignment - Not Finalized

U Club

Forest  
View Elem

Beekman  
Center

Hospice

Conceptual Alignment - Not Finalized

Bear Lake  
(MSU)

Source: Google Earth